

Knightdale Parks & Recreation Department
T-ball rules

1. All games will be played at Knightdale Elementary School.
2. All players must use a glove.
3. Each team will field a lineup of every team member present for the game. Those that arrive late will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
4. Games will be four (4) innings long or 60 minutes, whichever comes first.
5. Everyone will bat in each inning. The batting order will start at the top and go to the bottom in the first inning; start at the bottom and go to the top in the second inning, and continue this rotation until the game is over.
6. Players will swing until they put the ball in play.
7. There will be a batter's box around home plate. If a bat is thrown out of the box after the ball is hit, the batter will be called out.
8. Only the regular number of fielders will be allowed on the infield area. All others must be placed at least 5 feet behind the infielders.
9. Pitchers must stay in his/her position until the ball is hit.
10. Infielders must stay behind the pitcher until the ball is hit.
11. Runners may not advance on an overthrow.
12. No stealing! Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
13. On a play at home plate, if the defensive player has control of the ball before the base runner enters the area, the runner will be called out. Tagging the runner is not necessary. (This is to avoid contact with the batting tee and catcher).
14. Three (3) coaches are allowed on the field to assist in the game. Defensive coaches - two (2) in the outfield and one (1) behind the pitchers mound. Offensive coaches (3) - one (1) coaching first base, one (1) coaching third base and (1) helping at home plate.
15. Coaches will call the game.
16. No score will be kept. Remember, T-Ball is for the children to learn the basics of baseball and to **HAVE FUN**.
17. If a player is called out they will **be allowed to stay on the base**.
18. Knightdale Parks and Recreation will provide participation trophies.

Please sign up for rained out to get weather cancelations